

CLAY SHAW owes the welfare mothers of this country an apology. How dare him single out welfare mothers and refer to them in such negative terms. There are responsible people in all segments of our society and there are irresponsible people.

Some politicians are responsible and some are irresponsible. Mr. CLAY SHAW falls in the category of the irresponsible.

There are many solid responsible welfare recipients who love and care for their children, who attend church on Sunday, who work part-time jobs, who search for jobs, who attend schools in an effort to better themselves.

Welfare mothers and fathers, it is time to speak up. Call NEWT GINGRICH at 202-225-0600 and tell him to help you with a job.

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IN SUPPORT OF THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of the Personal Responsibility Act.

This bill releases the welfare trap by empowering recipients to take charge of their lives and work their way off welfare.

The current system provides little incentive for individuals to work. As a result, only 20,000 individuals on AFDC are working in paid jobs. By rewarding recipients who remain idle and punishing those who try to lift themselves out of poverty, the current welfare system is trapping families in a life of dependency.

It is wrong to deprive individuals the dignity of work. The Personal Responsibility Act promotes work and requires able-bodied adults to work in exchange for their benefits. By 1998, one parent in at least 90 percent of two-parent AFDC families will be required to work. By the year 2000, 2 million single AFDC parents will be working.

The Republican welfare bill embodies the principles that make our Nation strong and provides hope, opportunity, and independence to those unfortunate Americans trapped in the current system.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PROPOSALS IMPACT ALABAMA'S CHILDREN

(Mr. HILLIARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, the Republican contract continues to cut and slash our child welfare programs and other essential-type programs which have never been accused of fraud or abuse.

The Republican bill simply goes too far. It eliminates many good, worthwhile programs which benefit pregnant mothers, infants, children, and the elders.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, the Republican welfare bill is a crude and cruel bill which is going to hurt many helpless Americans.

Mr. Speaker, as most Democrats, I, too, am in favor of a prudent, well-thought-out welfare reform bill. When it comes to cutting out welfare fraud and fat, I was one of the very first Members of this body to call for an investigation of the SSI welfare program which is referred to in the press as crazy checks or dummy checks.

But not since the Biblical days of King Herod have our children been in such grave danger. But unlike King Herod, who went only after the male child, the Republicans have targeted all of America's poor children.

Mr. Speaker, it is necessary for the Democrats to save our future, to save our children, to save America.

ENACT TERM LIMITS THIS YEAR

(Mr. NETHERCUTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support for term limitations which this body will take up in the very near future.

Term limits will assure that new people with new energy and new ideas will come to serve in this body and serve the American people. Term limits will assure the intent that the Founding Fathers had of having people from the various districts come to this city and this body and serve with distinction the cause of good government and make a contribution to politics and good government, not to have a career here.

Term limits will encourage more people to serve in this body, to serve in Congress and run for Congress. Term limits will eliminate the automatic election advantage that incumbents have that perpetuates their existence.

Let us follow the example of Abraham Lincoln and the example of many States in this country which have adopted term limits.

Abraham Lincoln served one term. Let us follow his example and enact term limits this year.

IMPACTS OF THE REPUBLICAN WELFARE REFORM PROPOSAL

(Mr. CLYBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I want to change our welfare system, and I want 2 years ahead of the curve in calling for reform of the current system.

But, Mr. Speaker, welfare reform should not mean help denied.

If this plan my Republican friends propose passes, in South Carolina 400,000 schoolchildren will be denied a

lunch; in South Carolina, 20 percent of our children with disabilities will be denied SSI; in South Carolina, 5,000 additional children will receive less Federal child care assistance; in South Carolina, the State stands to lose \$522 million for programs to help children.

Mr. Speaker, if this program is approved, over 60,000 people will be denied much-needed assistance.

FOOD STAMP BLOCK GRANTS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today an important amendment will come before us, an amendment that will block-grant food stamps and complete the historic transformation of the Democrat-created, heinous, disastrous, and destructive Federal welfare system.

We must pass this amendment to ensure that the Governors have all the tools they need to create welfare solutions for their States. Without this amendment, our work here will be incomplete.

Two out of three committees responsible for change stood fast and fulfilled their promise to the States, giving them the flexibility they need, but unfortunately one committee did not.

Food stamp block grants will repair that weak link and provide the States with the means to completely break down and bury a system whose time has long since come and gone.

Our Governors want, need, and deserve nothing less than full welfare reform.

IN SUPPORT OF THE DEAL SUBSTITUTE

(Mr. DOYLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Deal substitute which approaches welfare reform head on by moving people from welfare to work. Under the Deal substitute, each individual must sign a contract which requires them to begin a job search immediately. Benefits would be terminated for any individual who refused to work or refused to accept a job. States would have greater flexibility to develop and administer welfare programs. By providing transitional medical assistance, the Deal substitute provides concrete incentives needed to ensure that a welfare recipient is better off economically by taking a job than by remaining on welfare. The Republican approach has no requirement for work. Even worse, the Republicans would slash the School Lunch Program to fund tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy. The Deal substitute explicitly provides that all savings would be applied to deficit reduction. Mr. Speaker, the American